(d) whether Government have consiered the report; and

(e) if so, tht decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a). Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) The National Steering Committee in its meetng held on 30-31-1 93 has made the following recommendations generally aplicable to all school textbooks:—

(i) Textbooks should be based on well-established historical data and interpretations.

(ii) The intrusion of all forms of communalism, casteism, regional and linguistic chauvinism into textbooks has to be avoided.

(iii) Modalities of enforcnig the national curricular framework with a common core so that all States conform to it have to be devised.

(iv) No textbooks which are not authorised should be allowed to be used in schools. Whether government aided or unaided run by private bodies or religious or cultural organisations.

(v) Textbooks should be written in conformity with the national curricular framework and the guidelines prepared by the NCERT. State Boards be set up for the preparation and authorisation of textbooks to be used in all schools.

(d) and (e). The recommendations made by the National Steering Committee were discussed in the Conference of State Education Ministers and educationists convened on 1st Feb. '93 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. As decided in the Conference the recommendations have been sent to all the States|UTs for their comments. Further action would depend on the comments of the States|UTs.

Progress of the Repair works of Puri Temple

1458. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: (

(a) whether the repair and restnration work of the 12th Century Shri zJagannath Temple at Puri has since been completed by the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c): The conservation and preservation work of Lord Jagannath Temple, Puri is a continuous process. ATask Force has been constituted for the conservation work of the Garbhagriha from the interior which is to be completed before the next RATH YATRA.

Vocational Courses a Failure

1459. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vovational Courses introduced by UGC at the under-graduate level have proved to be a failure: and